

28. (new) The method according to claim 26, wherein the ciliate is selected from the group consisting of *Paramecium*, *Tetrahymena* and *Colpidium*.

REMARKS

The above new claims replace the "use" claims deleted in the first Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on February 12, 2002.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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